

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) amino acid residues 1 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) amino acid residues 2 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (c) amino acid residues 1 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:4; and
 - (d) amino acid residues 2 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:4.
2. (Original) The protein of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is (a).
3. (Original) The protein of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is (b).
4. (Original) The protein of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is (c).
5. (Original) The protein of claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence is (d).
6. (Original) The protein of claim 1 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.
7. (Original) The protein of claim 6 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.
8. (Original) The protein of claim 1 wherein said protein is glycosylated.
9. (Original) The protein of claim 1 wherein said protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.
10. (Original) An isolated protein produced by a method comprising:
 - (a) expressing the protein of claim 1 by a cell; and
 - (b) recovering the protein.

11. (Original) A composition comprising the protein of claim 1 and a carrier.
12. (Currently Amended) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the ~~eDNA-genomic DNA~~ in ATCC Deposit No. 209005;
 - (b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the ~~eDNA-genomic DNA~~ in ATCC Deposit No. 209005;
 - (c) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209006; and
 - (d) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209006.
13. (Original) The protein of claim 12, wherein the amino acid sequence is (a).
14. (Original) The protein of claim 12, wherein the amino acid sequence is (b).
15. (Original) The protein of claim 12, wherein the amino acid sequence is (c).
16. (Original) The protein of claim 12, wherein the amino acid sequence is (d).
17. (Original) The protein of claim 12 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.
18. (Original) The protein of claim 17 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.
19. (Original) The protein of claim 12 wherein said protein is glycosylated.
20. (Original) The protein of claim 12 wherein said protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.
21. (Original) An isolated protein produced by a method comprising:
- (a) expressing the protein of claim 12 by a cell; and
 - (b) recovering the protein.

22. (Original) A composition comprising the protein of claim 12 and a carrier.
23. (Original) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (b) at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2;
 - (c) at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:4; and
 - (d) at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:4.
24. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the amino acid sequence is
- (a).
25. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the amino acid sequence is
- (b).
26. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the amino acid sequence is
- (c).
27. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23, wherein the amino acid sequence is
- (d).
28. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23 wherein the polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.
29. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 28 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.
30. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23 wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated.
31. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 23 wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
32. (Original) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
- (a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 23 by a cell; and
 - (b) recovering the polypeptide.

33. (Original) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 23 and a carrier.

34. (Currently Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the ~~eDNA~~genomic in ATCC Deposit No. 209005;

(b) at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the ~~eDNA~~genomic DNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209005;

(c) at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209006; and

(d) at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209006.

35. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the amino acid sequence is (a).

36. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the amino acid sequence is (b).

37. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the amino acid sequence is (c).

38. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the amino acid sequence is (d).

39. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34 wherein the polypeptide is fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

40. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 39 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

41. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34 wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated.

42. (Original) The polypeptide of claim 34 wherein said polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.

43. (Original) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the polypeptide of claim 34 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the polypeptide.

44. (Original) A composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 34 and a carrier.

45. (Currently Amended) An isolated human protein consisting of an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to ~~a sequence selected from the group consisting of:~~

- ~~(a) —amino acid residues 1 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:2; and~~
- ~~(b) —amino acid residues 1 to 234 of SEQ ID NO:4.~~

46-47. (Cancelled)

48. (Original) The protein of claim 45 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

49. (Original) The protein of claim 48 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

50. (Original) The protein of claim 45 wherein said protein is glycosylated.

51. (Original) The protein of claim 45 wherein said protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

52. (Original) An isolated protein produced by a method comprising:
(a) expressing the protein of claim 45 by a cell; and
(b) recovering the protein.

53. (Original) A composition comprising the protein of claim 45 and a carrier.

54. (Original) An isolated human protein consisting of an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the ~~eDNA~~
genomic DNA in ATCC Deposit No. 209005; and

(b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the cDNA in
ATCC Deposit No. 209006.

55. (Original) The protein of claim 54, wherein the amino acid sequence is (a).

56. (Original) The protein of claim 54, wherein the amino acid sequence is (b).

57. (Original) The protein of claim 54 wherein the amino acid sequence further
comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

58. (Original) The protein of claim 57 wherein the heterologous polypeptide is
the Fc domain of immunoglobulin.

59. (Original) The protein of claim 54 wherein said protein is glycosylated.

60. (Original) The protein of claim 54 wherein said protein is fused to
polyethylene glycol.

61. (Original) An isolated protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) expressing the protein of claim 54 by a cell; and

(b) recovering the protein.

62. (Original) A composition comprising the protein of claim 54 and a carrier.

63. (New) The polypeptide of claim 23 which comprises the amino acid sequence of
amino acid residues 122-188 of SEQ ID NO:2.

64. (New) The polypeptide of claim 23 which comprises the amino acid sequence of
amino acid residues 124-183 of SEQ ID NO:2.